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1. The regimental headquarters staff of the 2 Tank Regiment has a CO (commanding officer), a deputy CO for political affairs, an adjutant, a liaison officer, and a guard officer. The following regimental officers have been indentified:

- a. Polyakov (fnu), Regimental CO;
- b. Major Rudnikov (fnu), Deputy CO for Political Affairs;
- c. Major Vladevko (fnu), Soviet Liaison Officer;
- d. Major Stitsarov (fnu), Ordnance Officer;
- e. Captain Iliev Khristov (fnu), Battalion Political Officer;
- f. Major Bielonov (fnu) CO of the First Battalion;
- g. Major Kozorev (fnu), CO of the Second Battalion;
- h. Major Borisov (fnu), CO of the Third Battalion;
- i. Major Nikolov (fnu), CO of the Supply Company;
- j. Captain Zagorov (fnu), CO of the Quartermaster Company;
- k. Major Kotelov (fnu), Regimental Medical Officer;
- l. The regiment also includes 1st Lt. Dimchev (fnu), 1st Lt. Stefanov (fnu), Lt. Tavetanov, and Lt. Sarokov.

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2. The 2 Tank Regiment, which is subordinate to the 1 Armored Brigade in Sofia, includes a quartermaster company with 120 men; a medical platoon with 40 men, a telephone and radio platoon with 45 men, and an ordnance platoon with 40 men. It also includes a supply company with 160 men. This company includes the following: a truck driver platoon; a mechanics platoon; a tailoring, shoemaking and carpentry platoon; and a fuel storage platoon. The Regiment has three battalions; two are in Salmopol and one is in Razgrad. Each battalion has three batteries and four platoons. Each platoon has 12 men and all troops are armed with 7.62-mm. Soviet carbines.
3. Troops train for two hours every morning, while technical personnel work in the workshops. Training includes basic training, infantry training, the study of engines, tank training, training with weapons, telephone and radio training, and political training three times a week. Tank training

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includes complete knowledge of tanks, the driving of tanks, radio operation, and handling of guns of tanks.

4. Each company of the regiment has 12 tanks. The tanks of the regiment are either tanks with 300-horsepower engines or T-34 (85) tanks. These two types of tanks are described as follows:
 - a. The tank with the 300-horsepower engine has an 8.5-cm. gun and a machine gun located below and to the side of the gun. The turret of the tank does not revolve, but the barrel of the gun can be moved at a certain angle towards the side. This tank has three pair of small wheels which are connected by a small round spring. Three small supporting wheels are above these other wheels. The body of the tank, which looks like a coffin, is angular in the front and in the back. Three cases of ammunition are on both sides of the tank gun. Each case contains eight shells. The radio and the six cylinder engine is located in the rear of the tank. The regiment has 36 Soviet tanks of this type.
 - b. The T-34 (85) tank has five large wheels between the caterpillar treads and two small wheels in front and back.

Each tank includes a driver, who sits in front on the right; an assistant driver who sits next to the driver and who is a machine gunner; two gun teams who are in the back of the tank at the gun; and a radio man who is also in the back of the tank. The ammunition of each tank includes grenades, armor piercing shells, shrapnels, and phosphorous shells. Each tank has five machine pistols and a case of egg-shaped hand grenades of Bulgarian make. It also has a case with red, green, and white signal flares. The flares are fired from the machine pistols with machine-pistol rounds. A tank has two gasoline tanks, with a capacity of 500 liters of gasoline each; an adjustable radio antenna in the back; and a hook which is fastened to the back of the tank and is used for pulling other vehicles. The tanks are dark green.

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In order to prevent shocks, the engine is not built into the tank, but is connected to the rear only by an axle switch (achsenschaltung).

5. The tank troops are well cared for. In the morning they receive bread and coffee. At lunch they have a three-course meal and at dinner they have a two-course meal. The troops have cloth uniforms, but wear dark overalls with leather lining when on duty with tanks.
6. The organization of the regiment is shown in the Appendix included on page 3.

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